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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) An information forwarding system according to Claim 232, characterized in that:

said terminal device has a loading means of loading a freely attachable and detachable recording medium;

said terminal device stores said designated contents in said recording medium; and

said designated contents recorded in said recording medium are read out by said supply device, when said recording medium is loaded into said supply device, so that said designated contents to be supplied are supplied from said supply device.

4. (Currently Amended) An information forwarding system according to Claim 232, characterized in that said output means transmits said designated contents to said supply device and said supply device supplies said designated contents to be supplied when said terminal device closely approaches said supply device.

5. (Currently Amended) An information forwarding system according to Claim 232, characterized in that:

said terminal device is freely attachable to and detachable from said supply device; and

said designated contents recorded in said terminal device are read out by said supply device, when said terminal device is mounted in said supply device, so that said designated contents to be supplied are supplied from said supply device.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) An information forwarding system according to any of Claims ~~2 to 5~~ 32 and 3-5, characterized in that said search means carries out a search based on a feeling or sensibility word, which is an adjective, as well as feeling or sensibility information, which shows the degree of the feeling or sensibility while attribution values for carrying out a search based on the feeling or sensibility information are stored in said data base.

8. (Currently Amended) A terminal device having a portable body comprising:

information input means of inputting search conditions;

information display means of displaying search results from a search means of gaining search results by searching a remote and separate data base based on said search conditions;

selection means of selecting one, or more, search results from among said search results; and

output means of recording and holding the designated contents selected by said selection means, and directly sending said holding contents to a separate supply device so as to designate the operation of said separate supply device; and

not including wherein said database nor, said search means, and said supply device are each separate from said terminal device.

9. (Original) A terminal device according to Claim 8, characterized in that said search is a search based on a feeling or sensibility word, which is an adjective, and feeling or sensibility information, which shows the degree of the feeling or sensibility, while attribution values for carrying out a search based on the feeling or sensibility information are stored in said data base.

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10. (Currently Amended) A terminal device according to any of Claims ~~2~~32, 3 to 5, 8, 9, characterized in that said supply device carries out an operation of supplying a tangible entity.

11. (Currently Amended) A program recording medium characterized by storing a program for allowing a computer to implement all of, or a part of, the functions of each component of a terminal device or an information forwarding system according to any of Claims ~~2~~32, 3 to 5, 8, 9 and by being readable by a computer.

12. - 29. (Cancelled)

30. (Previously Presented) A method of searching a data base for an e-mail preparation system comprising the steps of:

- (a) storing a plurality of illustrations in the data base;
- (b) providing a plurality of attributions wherein each attribution represents a human feeling, impression or sensibility;
- (c) assigning each of the illustrations to at least one of the attributions;
- (d) assigning an attribution value to each of the illustrations in step (c), wherein an attribution value represents a degree of the human feeling, impression or sensibility;
- (e) inputting, by the user, an attribution and an attribution value to the system;
- (f) searching the data base in response to step (e); and
- (g) outputting, to the user, at least one illustration from the data base, based on the attribution and attribution value inputted in step (e).

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30 wherein:

step (b) includes providing attributions including at least one of "pretty" and "funny;"
and

step (d) includes assigning a value with a predetermined range for each of the
illustrations.

32. (New) An information forwarding system comprising:

first, second and third devices, each device separate from the other;

the first device including:

information input means of inputting search conditions by a user,

information display means of displaying search results,

selecting means of selecting at least one search result provided by the second
device, and

output means of recording and holding designated contents selected by the
selecting means, and directly sending the designated contents to the third
device;

the second device including:

a data base, and

search means of searching the data base, based on the search conditions
provided by the first device; and

the third device including:

receiving means of receiving directly from the second device the designated
contents held by the first device.